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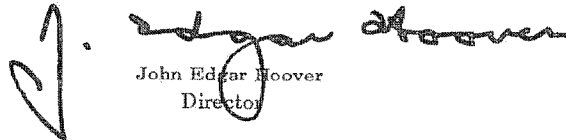
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

ATTENTION: Deputy Director, Plans

Dear Sir:

- ☒ 1. For your information, I am enclosing communications which may be of interest to you.
- ☐ 2. No further investigation is contemplated with regard to this matter.
- ☐ 3. You will be advised of the pertinent developments in connection with this inquiry.
- ☐ 4. Please note change in caption of this case.
- ☐ 5. Status of case: ☐ Completed ☐ Incomplete

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

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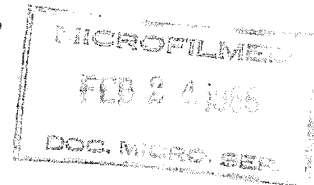
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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MIAMI, FLORIDA

SANDALIO HERMINIO DIAZ GARCIA, also
known as Herminio Diaz Garcia,
Herminio Diaz
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS



Previous investigation has reflected that SANDALIO HERMINIO DIAZ GARCIA, commonly known as HERMINIO DIAZ, participated in an attack on November 14, 1965 against targets in Havana, Cuba. On November 30, 1965 DIAZ admitted his involvement and said that one of the boats used in the operation had been purchased several months previously by the 30th of November Movement, in which he admitted membership.

It is to be noted that the 30th of November Movement is an anti-CASTRO group of Cuban exiles headquartered in Miami.

He admitted that this attack also involved the anti-CASTRO organization Comandos L and that the attack was financed by the Representacion Cubana del Exilio (RECE), another anti-CASTRO organization headquartered in Miami.

On September 21, 1964, MM T-1 who is acquainted with members of the Cuban colony in the Miami area, advised that HERMINIO DIAZ was well known among Cuban revolutionary groups during the governments of GRAU SAN MARTIN and CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS. He was described as being a daring person, who fled Cuba in order to avoid capture by FIDEL CASTRO, whose enemy he has been since

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his university days in Havana.

On December 30, 1964, MM T-2, a Cuban exile with good contacts among exiles in the Miami area, advised that HERMINIO DIAZ is reportedly a fearless individual, whose eventual hope or plan is to assassinate FIDEL CASTRO, either personally or through his connections in the Cuban Army.

On July 24, 1965, MM T-3, a federal agency which conducts intelligence investigations, reported that HERMINIO DIAZ, 732 N.W. 3rd Street, Miami, sold 60 hand grenades to a Cuban exile, DIEGO BORGES, in Miami for delivery to three Americans. Subsequent investigation by the FBI reflected that one of these Americans was FRANK LANG "LEFTY" ROSENTHAL, a well known gambler and hoodlum, and that another was NORMAN ROTHMAN, who was convicted several years ago on a federal charge of interstate transportation of stolen weapons.

On January 6, 1966, MM T-3 reported having received information from a source described as a Cuban emigre with excellent contacts in the Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo (MRP, an anti-FIDEL CASTRO organization). This information reflected that on January 4, 1966, HERMINIO DIAZ GARCIA, a member of the 30th of November Movement, and two unnamed individuals planned to leave the United States on or about January 9 or 10, 1966, for Cuba in an attempt to assassinate FIDEL CASTRO RUZ, Premier of Cuba. It was stated that DIAZ planned to take pictures of strategic locations which might serve as targets in future raids.

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On January 27, 1966, SANDALIO HERMINIO DIAZ GARCIA, also known as HERMINIO DIAZ, voluntarily came to the Miami Office. At the outset of the interview he was advised by SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, Jr. that he did not have to say anything unless he wanted to, that anything he did say could be used against him in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult an attorney before saying anything. DIAZ then furnished the following information:

He presently resides at 732 N.W. 3rd Street (rear), Miami, Florida. Before coming to the United States in July, 1963, from Cuba, he formed a small group against FIDEL CASTRO among some members of the Cuban Revolutionary Police, including EFIGENIO AMELJEIRAS, the Chief. He described AMELJEIRAS as not being opposed personally to FIDEL CASTRO, but as being opposed to many people that FIDEL CASTRO brought into the Cuban government.

The group organized by DIAZ was a passive group but DIAZ is of the opinion it still remains in existence.

After arriving in the United States as a refugee from Communism in Cuba, DIAZ felt confident that some good results would occur from the activities of MANUEL ARTIME, head of the Movimiento Recuperacion Revolucionario (MRR) and from ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, head of the Second National Front of the Escambray (SNFE). However, as time passed, and nothing happened, he began to realize that he himself had to take some positive action against CASTRO if anything was to be achieved.

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On 1/27/66 at Miami, Florida File #
 by SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, Jr. and
SA WILLIAM MAYO DREW, Jr.:JMS Date dictated 2/3/66

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He related that shortly after he arrived in 1963, he was approached by a man whom he knew only as "GREGORY," believed to be a representative of a federal agency in Miami, who told him that an American military man wanted to talk to DIAZ. An appointment was arranged and this military man proposed that DIAZ "buy off" EFIGENIO AMELJEIRAS. This military man wanted DIAZ to return to Cuba in order to carry out this project. DIAZ considered that such an offer to AMELJEIRAS at that time would be absurd because AMELJEIRAS, in the judgment of DIAZ, is already anti-Communist and would not have to be paid off.

DIAZ said that he himself now plans to undertake a mission to Cuba on his own initiative and without the help of any United States agency. He said he had never belonged to any anti-FIDEL CASTRO organization before coming to Miami, but he did join the 30th of November Movement after arriving in Miami, as he believed this organization has some good conscientious members. He then related that he has plans for going to Cuba on a mission from which he will not return to the United States. This is his personal plan and not that of the 30th of November Movement. He will be accompanied by ARMANDO ROMERO, a member of the 30th of November, and perhaps by one individual who is a member of Comandos L. He said that REGE has furnished some financial help to further their plans but DIAZ is not under any obligation to REGE.

DIAZ claimed he already has men in Cuba, who were recruited by him prior to his departure. He said that AMELJEIRAS will not know of his arrival but that after his mission is completed he feels confident that

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AMELJEIRAS will cooperate, and he plans to establish contact with him.

The purpose of his trip is to eliminate FIDEL CASTRO from this life. He claimed that the exact plans for the elimination of CASTRO have not yet been formulated. He said that the arms which he expects to use will be acquired inside Cuba. This operation, according to DIAZ, will be carried out independently of any Cuban revolutionary organization; he will not be subservient to any organization because he does not want to be obligated to any of them.

DIAZ said if he succeeds in eliminating CASTRO, AMELJEIRAS will be called upon to temporarily serve in a position of control while a new anti-Communist government is being set up. He expressed confidence in that AMELJEIRAS, whom he said is well known as a fighter, and who has the respect of the military and the police in Cuba. In contrast with this, he said that neither RAUL CASTRO nor RAMIRO VALDES, head of Cuban Intelligence, is respected by the people in Cuba.

DIAZ advised that AMELJEIRAS is now serving as the third Vice Minister of Special Matters in the Revolutionary Army of Cuba. He revealed that in about 1962 consideration was being given by some of the military commanders in Havana to taking over control of that city from CASTRO. However, the CASTRO regime became aware of this plan and AMELJEIRAS, who was involved was sent to Czechoslovakia, and after he finally returned he was sent by CASTRO to a military school. After that AMELJEIRAS was made Chief of Staff of the Central Section of the

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Cuban Army. AMELJEIRAS subsequently got involved in an argument with FELIX TORRES, a Communist, who held an important position in the Cuban Army in the Escambray, and TORRES was appointed as a replacement for AMELJEIRAS.

DIAZ said he does not want to violate any United States laws or offend the United States government in any manner. He expressed the belief that the United States government would welcome the elimination of CASTRO. He said he realizes the United States cannot invade Cuba for reasons of international policy, and that even if the United States did take this action, the anti-CASTRO citizens inside Cuba would probably unite with CASTRO to resist such an invasion. He also believed that the large majority of Cuban people are "fed up" with Communism and would welcome a return to a democratic form of government.

DIAZ said that he does not plan to participate in any "hit and run" raids. He described his plans as consisting of an infiltration operation from which he will not return.

He also advised that the Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionario (MIRR), under the leadership of Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA, is definitely not cooperating or participating in any manner with the plans of DIAZ. He regards BOSCH as a "crazy man" who is engaged in a war with the United States government, and who has the complex of another FIDEL CASTRO.

DIAZ recalled that several weeks ago he did have some negotiations with BOSCH but that the real purpose

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of these negotiation was to obtain some equipment from him. He described BOSCH as being a Cuban racketeer, who is collecting money from his fellow Cuban exiles under false pretenses.

DIAZ expressed friendship for the United States and its government.

DIAZ declined to furnish information relating to the anticipated date, time and place of his departure from the United States for Cuba, or to identify his means of transportation. He also declined to furnish more specific information regarding his plans.

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On July 9, 1965, examination of INS file A13 319 255, reflected the following information concerning SANDALIO HERMINIO DIAZ GARCIA: Born - September 3, 1923 at Aguacate, Cuba.

He arrived in the United States aboard the MAXIMAS, destined to his brother-in-law, GERALD MCKENZIE, ~~ICA~~ N.W. 2nd Street, Miami. He arrived in the United States with his wife, ALICIA TERESA MCKENZIE SANCHEZ. Both came seeking political asylum. His INS status is that of "parolee."

The following description was obtained from his INS file and through observation:

Name	SANDALIO HERMINIO DIAZ GARCIA
Born	9/3/23
Place of birth	Cuba
Nationality	Cuban
Height	5'8"
Weight	180
Build	Stocky
Eyes	Dark
Hair	Black, curly
Complexion	Dark
Previous occupation	Cashier, Hotel Habana-Riviera, Havana, Cuba.

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With regard to ARMANDO ROMERO, previous investigation has reflected that as of September, 1963, he was named as one of the military coordinators of the 30th of November in Miami. On January 20, 1964, ARMANDO ROMERO and two other individuals were arrested by the Dade County Sheriff's Office in possession of 283 rounds of ammunition and an automatic rifle.

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Reference memorandum dated and captioned as

above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
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